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NISD Police Officer-Involved Shooting

At approximately 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th, San Antonio Police received a call and responded to a Northside ISD police officer-involved shooting in the 100 block of Dumont.

The NISD Police Officer Patrick Ritchey reported that while on routine patrol he discovered fresh graffiti on the wall of the Lackland City Elementary School building. NISD Police Officer Ritchey continued to report that as he began to investigate the fresh graffiti, he came across two suspects. As he confronted them, he was attacked by both suspects and they began to fight over his weapon. NISD Officer Ritchey reported he was shot twice in his bullet resistant vest by one of the two suspects. After the shooting, the suspects fled the scene on foot.

During the course of the investigation by the San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team, it was determined that the gunshots to NISD Officer Ritchey's vest were self-inflicted.

NISD Officer Ritchey was transported to Wilford Hall Hospital in good condition and did not suffer from life threatening wounds.

Charges against NISD Officer Ritchey will be determined at a later time.

The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will continue to conduct the investigation and forward their findings to Chief William McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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